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In re Application of	:	
PETTERSSON et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 10/029,908	:	
Filed: December 21, 2001	:	
Attorney Docket No. 324-010771-US(PAR)	:	

This is a decision on the petition filed May 19, 2004, requesting that the holding of abandonment in the above-identified application be withdrawn.

The petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment is GRANTED.

A non-final Office action was mailed on September 15, 2003, setting forth a three-month period of response. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on May 4, 2004.

Petitioner asserts that a Response/Amendment in response to the Office action and a one-month Extension of Time fee were timely mailed to the Patent and Trademark Office on January 15, 2004. This is evidenced by a copy of the Response/Amendment and the postcard receipt indicating receipt of the Response/Amendment and check in the Patent and Trademark Office on January 20, 2004.

The review of the application file reveals that the Response/Amendment in response to the September 15, 2003 Office action and the one-month Extension of Time fee were received and matched with the file. However, the Response/Amendment was not noticed by either the examiner or the technical support staff and consequently the application was held to be abandoned. The application is not abandoned in fact.

For the above reasons, the Notice of Abandonment is hereby vacated and the holding of abandonment withdrawn. Inconvenience to petitioner is regretted.

The application file is being forwarded to the technical support staff for processing the response to the September 15, 2003 Office action. From there, it will be returned to the examiner for further prosecution.

Questions regarding this decision should be directed to Jose' G. Dees at 571-272-1569.

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